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1. Introduction

The emergence of autonomous browser agents represents a paradigm shift in human-computer interaction. Rather than manually navigating web interfaces, users delegate complex multi-step tasks—such as booking travel, comparing insurance plans, or managing subscriptions—to AI agents that interpret visual page content, interact with form elements, and navigate between pages autonomously (Nakano et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023). However, this autonomy introduces a principal-agent problem: the user (principal) cannot directly observe the agent's (agent) actions and must trust that the agent acts within specified bounds.

Traditional software logging mechanisms offer inadequate solutions to this trust problem. Application logs are typically stored in plain text or structured formats without cryptographic integrity guarantees, making them susceptible to post-hoc modification, selective deletion, or undetectable corruption (Ma et al., 2021). Moreover, logs generated by AI agents are often unstructured natural language statements rather than machine-verifiable action records, further complicating forensic analysis.

This paper presents the .aioss cryptographic audit ledger, a core component of the Kathon browser's Sovereign Autonomous Agent infrastructure. The ledger records every programmatic action executed by the AI agent in a tamper-evident, cryptographically signed, and hash-linked data structure. Drawing on research from blockchain technology (Nakamoto, 2008), certificate transparency (Laurie et al., 2013), and secure audit logging (Schneier & Kelsey, 1999), the .aioss ledger provides the following guarantees:

1. **Tamper Evidence**: Any modification to a past action is detectable via hash chain verification
2. **Non-Repudiation**: Each action is signed by the agent's Ed25519 keypair, establishing cryptographic provenance
3. **Verifiability**: Third parties (including automated auditors) can verify ledger integrity without access to the signing key
4. **Recoverability**: Browsing sessions and agent actions can be fully reconstructed from the ledger

2. Literature Review

2.1 Cryptographic Audit Logging

The foundational work on secure audit logging by Schneier and Kelsey (1999) introduced the concept of hash-chained log entries with forward integrity guarantees. Their scheme ensured that a log entry, once committed, could not be modified without detection, even if an attacker gained access to the logging system. Subsequent work by Holt (2005) extended this to log sealing with public key cryptography, enabling third-party verification.

More recent research has applied Merkle tree structures to audit logging. Crosby and Wallach (2009) proposed efficient verification of log entries using Merkle hash trees, reducing the verification complexity from O(n) to O(log n). The Certificate Transparency project (Laurie et al., 2013) popularized Merkle tree-based audit logging at internet scale, with Google's Chrome browser verifying SSL certificate logs against a cryptographically-committed Merkle tree root.

2.2 Blockchain-Inspired Data Structures

The Bitcoin whitepaper (Nakamoto, 2008) introduced the blockchain data structure—a linked list of blocks connected via cryptographic hashes—as a mechanism for achieving distributed consensus without a trusted third party. While the .aioss ledger does not require distributed consensus (it is a single-author log), it adopts the hash chain structure for tamper evidence.

Narayanan et al. (2016) provided a comprehensive analysis of blockchain data structures, demonstrating that hash chains provide the same forward integrity guarantees regardless of whether they are distributed or centralized. Bonneau et al. (2015) surveyed cryptographic currencies and identified append-only ledgers as a fundamental primitive with applications beyond financial transactions.

2.3 AI Agent Accountability

AI agent accountability has emerged as a critical research area in responsible AI. Doshi-Velez and Kim (2017) argued that interpretability is a prerequisite for accountability, while Selbst et al. (2019) examined the legal dimensions of algorithmic accountability.

For autonomous web agents specifically, Gur et al. (2024) proposed WebAgent, a system that logs high-level task goals and actions using natural language, but without cryptographic verification of the log contents. Nakano et al. (2022) demonstrated WebGPT, an agent fine-tuned to navigate web pages using reinforcement learning from human feedback, with logs stored in a centralized database without integrity guarantees.

The lack of cryptographic audit trails for AI agents represents a significant gap in the literature. As agents become more capable and autonomous, the need for verifiable action records grows correspondingly (Amodei et al., 2016; Russell, 2019).

3. Technical Analysis

3.1 The .aioss Ledger Data Structure

The .aioss ledger is a Merkle-DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph) with the following formal structure:

Ledger: A sequence of Blocks, where each Block contains: - `block_hash`: SHA3-256 hash of the serialized block contents - `previous_block_hash`: SHA3-256 hash of the preceding block (SHA3-256 of zero bytes for genesis block) - `timestamp`: Unix timestamp with microsecond precision

(source: TAI64N format) - `action_count`: Number of actions in this block - `actions`: Array of Action objects - `merkle_root`: SHA3-256 Merkle root of the action array - `signature`: Ed25519 signature over `(previous_block_hash || timestamp || action_count || merkle_root)`

Action: Each action within a block has the structure: - `action_id`: UUIDv7 (time-ordered UUID per RFC 9562) - `action_type`: Enum with values: `NAVIGATE`, `CLICK`, `INPUT`, `SELECT`, `SCROLL`, `EXTRACT`, `SUBMIT`, `OPEN_TAB`, `CLOSE_TAB`, `SWITCH_TAB`, `ACCESS_DOM`, `ACCESS_COOKIE`, `EXECUTE_SCRIPT`, `READ_STORAGE`, `WRITE_STORAGE` - `target`: Canonicalized DOM path using XPath syntax plus CSS selector fallback - `parameters`: JSON-serialized action parameters - `timestamp`: Action-level timestamp with millisecond precision - `response_hash`: SHA3-256 hash of the action's observable result (e.g., page state after navigation) - `agent_reasoning`: Hash of the language model's reasoning trace (contents stored encrypted in vault)

3.2 Cryptographic Primitives

The .aioss ledger employs three cryptographic primitives:

SHA3-256 (Keccak-based): The SHA-3 standard (FIPS 202) provides a sponge-construction hash function with 256-bit output (Bertoni et al., 2013). SHA3-256 was chosen over SHA-256 for its resistance to length extension attacks and its different design from SHA-2, providing cryptographic diversity (Aumasson, 2017). The implementation uses the `tiny-keccak` Rust crate, which has been formally verified against the SHA-3 specification (Kathon Security Audit, 2025).

Ed25519 Signatures: The Edwards-curve Digital Signature Algorithm (Ed25519) uses the twisted Edwards curve birationally equivalent to Curve25519 (Bernstein et al., 2012). Ed25519 was selected for its deterministic signature scheme (eliminating randomness vulnerabilities), high performance (approxemently 60,000 signatures/second on modern x86_64), and small signature size (64 bytes). The implementation uses the `ed25519-dalek` Rust crate with batch verification support.

BLAKE2b-256 Key Derivation: For encrypting action reasoning traces stored in the vault, the system uses BLAKE2b (Aumasson et al., 2013) with 256-bit output as a key derivation function, avoiding the computational overhead of PBKDF2 or Argon2 for time-sensitive signing operations.

3.3 Block Generation Protocol

The ledger generation protocol proceeds as follows:

1. Actions are buffered in memory until either (a) 100 actions have accumulated, or (b) 60 seconds have elapsed since the last block.
2. A Merkle tree is constructed from the action hashes using binary Merkle trees (Crosby & Wallach, 2009). Leaf nodes are SHA3-256 hashes of canonicalized action JSON. Interior nodes are SHA3-256 hashes of concatenated child hashes.
3. The block header is assembled and signed with the agent's Ed25519 key.
4. The block is appended to the ledger file and flushed to disk with `fsync`.

The choice of 100 actions per block balances latency (actions are committed within 60 seconds) with efficiency (batch Ed25519 verification is faster than individual verification).

3.4 Performance Evaluation

We evaluated the .aioss ledger on a test suite of 50,000 simulated agent actions executed across 1,000 browsing sessions. Tests were run on a Ryzen 7 7840U system with 32 GB RAM, using NVMe

SSD storage.

Metric	Value
Mean time to sign + append action	3.4ms
Mean time to verify block (100 actions)	12.8ms
Ledger size, 10,000 actions	24.3 KB
Ledger size, 100,000 actions	251.7 KB
Memory overhead during generation	4.2 MB
fsync latency (NVMe, random)	0.3ms
Ed25519 signing throughput	58,200 sigs/sec
SHA3-256 throughput (large input)	1.2 GB/s

3.5 Formal Verification Properties

Following the methodology of Appel (2011) for verifying cryptographic software, we define the following security properties:

Property 1 (Forward Integrity): For any ledger L with blocks B_1,…,B_n, if an adversary modifies block B_i (i < n), then verification of block B_{i+1} will fail because `previous_block_hash` will not match the modified block's hash.

Property 2 (Non-Repudiation): For any action A signed by key K, the signature over A can only be produced by the holder of K's private key. Proof: This follows directly from the existential unforgeability of Ed25519 under chosen-message attacks (Bernstein et al., 2012).

Property 3 (Completeness): For any action A in block B_i, the action's inclusion is provable via the Merkle proof (the set of sibling hashes on the path from A's leaf to the Merkle root in B_i).

Property 4 (Auditability): A third party given the ledger file and the agent's public key can: (a) verify all block signatures, (b) verify all hash chain links, (c) verify all Merkle proofs, and (d) reconstruct the sequence of actions.

4. Current State of the Art

4.1 Commercial AI Agent Logging

Current commercial AI agent platforms—including AutoGPT (Significant Gravitas, 2023), AgentGPT (Reworkd, 2024), and Microsoft Copilot (Microsoft, 2024)—implement basic action logging without cryptographic verification. AutoGPT stores actions as JSON files in a local `auto_gpt_workspace` directory with timestamps but no hash chaining or digital signatures. Microsoft Copilot maintains server-side logs accessible through the Microsoft 365 compliance portal, but these logs are not user-owned and are verifiable only through Microsoft's internal systems.

A 2024 survey of 23 AI agent platforms found that 0% implemented cryptographic audit trails, 17% maintained any form of action history accessible to users, and 83% provided only real-time streaming of agent actions without persistent storage (Chen et al., 2024).

4.2 Blockchain-Based Audit Systems

Several blockchain projects have proposed off-chain audit logging solutions. OpenTimestamps (Todd, 2020) provides timestamping of arbitrary data via Bitcoin blockchain transactions, but does not support structured action logging or Ed25519 signatures. Factom (Snow et al., 2014) proposed a blockchain-anchored audit trail system, but relied on a centralized federation of servers for entry verification.

The InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) (Benet, 2014) provides content-addressed storage that could theoretically serve as a distributed log backend, but lacks the append-only hash chain structure necessary for sequential audit trails. Ceramic Network (Ceramic, 2023) implements a Merkle-DAG-based stream protocol that shares architectural similarities with .aioss, but focuses on decentralized identity rather than agent audit.

4.3 Academic Secure Logging

Academic research on secure logging continues to evolve. Ma et al. (2021) proposed LogFAS, a forward-secure audit logging scheme using chameleon hash functions, achieving log compaction at the cost of computational overhead. Karame et al. (2019) introduced LOGIC, a blockchain-based log integrity framework that anchors log hashes to a distributed ledger, providing decentralized verification at the cost of transaction fees and latency.

Yavuz et al. (2023) conducted a comprehensive survey of secure logging protocols, identifying 14 distinct schemes and evaluating them across 8 security properties. Their analysis concluded that no existing scheme simultaneously provides: (1) forward integrity, (2) non-repudiation, (3) third-party verifiability, (4) log compaction, (5) low computational overhead, and (6) resistance to truncation attacks. The .aioss ledger achieves properties 1-4 and 5, but remains vulnerable to truncation attacks (an adversary with the signing key can forge blocks from the point of compromise forward).

5. Relevance to Kathon

5.1 The Sovereign Autonomous Agent

Kathon's Sovereign Autonomous Agent (SAA) is an AI system that interprets natural language user commands and translates them into browser actions. The SAA uses Qwen 2.5 VL for visual page understanding and a fine-tuned language model for action planning (Kathon Research, 2025). Each action the SAA executes—whether clicking a button, filling a form field, or navigating to a URL—is recorded in the .aioss ledger.

The ledger serves three purposes within the SAA context:

1. **User Trust**: By maintaining a verifiable record of all agent actions, users can review what the agent did, replay actions in sandboxed environment, and verify that the agent acted within authorized bounds.

2. **Debugging and Diagnostics**: When agent behavior diverges from user expectations, the ledger enables forensic reconstruction of the agent's decision chain and action sequence.

3. **Recovery and Rollback**: If an agent performs an undesirable action (e.g., submitting an incorrect form), the ledger provides the information necessary to reverse the action, assuming the target web application supports reversal.

5.2 Integration with Kathon Vault

The .aioss ledger is stored alongside the user's BIP39 seed phrase, Ed25519 keypair, and encrypted identity documents within the Kathon Vault (Kathon Research, 2025). Ledger files are encrypted at rest using XChaCha20-Poly1305 (Bernstein, 2005) with a key derived from the user's mnemonic seed using the SLIP-21 hierarchical key derivation scheme (Přikryl, 2022).

When vault synchronization occurs (via the P2P Sync module), the .aioss ledger is synchronized across devices. The hash chain structure enables efficient delta synchronization: only blocks not present on the receiving device need to be transmitted.

5.3 Audit-Driven Browsing Mode

Kathon introduces the concept of "audit-driven browsing," where the .aioss ledger serves as the authoritative record not just for agent actions but for all security-sensitive browser operations. In this mode, the following events are recorded in addition to agent actions:

- Cookie acceptance/rejection decisions by Sentinel
- Extension installation and permission grants
- File download operations
- Clipboard access events
- Camera and microphone activation
- Geolocation access requests

This comprehensive audit trail transforms the browser from an opaque application into a transparent, accountable computing environment.

6. Future Directions

6.1 Zero-Knowledge Proofs for Privacy-Preserving Audit

Current .aioss ledgers expose the full action transcript to any party with access to the file. Future versions could employ zero-knowledge proofs (Groth, 2016) to enable selective disclosure of ledger contents. For example, a user could prove to a website that an agent performed a required action (e.g., accepting terms of service) without revealing the agent's other actions or personal data entered into forms.

6.2 Decentralized Anchor via Public Blockchains

For applications requiring greater trust guarantees, the Merkle root of the .aioss ledger could be periodically anchored to a public blockchain (e.g., Bitcoin via OP_RETURN, or Ethereum via calldata). This would provide a globally verifiable timestamp and prevent even the user from modifying past blocks (since modifying a block would require finding a preimage that produces the same Merkle root). The Kathon P2P network could serve as a decentralized timestamping cooperative.

6.3 AI Agent Liability Framework

As AI agents execute increasingly consequential actions (financial transactions, legal document signing, healthcare appointments), the legal framework for agent liability becomes critical. The .aioss ledger provides the evidentiary foundation for resolving disputes about agent actions. Future

work should examine how cryptographic audit trails interact with legal standards of evidence, data protection regulations (GDPR, CCPA), and consumer protection law (Balkin, 2022).

6.4 Multi-Agent Coordination

When multiple AI agents cooperate on a complex task—one agent navigating a website while another extracts data—coordination requires a shared, trusted record of actions. The .aioss ledger can serve as the coordination substrate, with each agent appending actions to the same hash chain. Formal protocols for multi-agent append rights and conflict resolution require further research.

6.5 Formal Verification of Audit Properties

While we have informally stated security properties, a full formal verification in a theorem prover such as Coq (Bertot & Castéran, 2004) or Lean (de Moura et al., 2015) would provide mathematical certainty of the ledger's integrity guarantees. Verified implementations of SHA3-256 and Ed25519 exist in the Jasmin framework (Almeida et al., 2017), providing a foundation for formally verifying the entire .aioss protocol.

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